MAT 562: Symplectic Geometry

Solution to Problem I

(a) Let $q : \mathbb{C}^n - \{0\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ be the quotient projection as in Problem A on PS1. Suppose $U \subset \mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ is an open subset and $s : U \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^n - \{0\}$ is a holomorphic section of q, i.e. $q \circ s = \mathrm{id}_U$. Show that the 2-form

$$\omega_{\mathrm{FS};n-1}\big|_U \equiv \frac{\mathfrak{i}}{2\pi} \partial \overline{\partial} \ln |s|^2,\tag{1}$$

where $|\cdot|$ is the standard (round) norm on \mathbb{C}^n , is independent of the choice of s.

(b) By (a), (1) determines a global 2-form $\omega_{FS;n-1}$ on $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$, called the Fubini-Study symplectic form. Show that this form is indeed symplectic and

$$\omega_{\mathrm{FS};n-1} = \frac{1}{\pi} \omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}},\tag{2}$$

where $\omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}}$ is the symplectic form on $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ provided by Problem A on PS1.

(c) Show that the action of $S^1 \equiv \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ on \mathbb{C}^n given by

$$e^{2\pi i t} \cdot (z_1, \dots, z_n) = (z_1, \dots, z_{k-1}, e^{2\pi i t} z_k, z_{k+1}, \dots, z_n)$$
 (3)

is Hamiltonian with respect to the standard symplectic form $\omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}$ with a Hamiltonian

$$H_k: \mathbb{C}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}, \qquad H_k(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \pi |z_k|^2.$$

(d) Show that the actions of $\mathbb{T}^n \equiv (S^1)^n$ and $\mathbb{T}^{n-1} \equiv (S^1)^{n-1}$ on $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ given by

$$(e^{2\pi i t_1}, \dots, e^{2\pi i t_n}) \cdot [z_1, \dots, z_n] = [e^{2\pi i t_1} z_1, \dots, e^{2\pi i t_n} z_n], (e^{2\pi i t_1}, \dots, e^{2\pi i t_{n-1}}) \cdot [z_1, \dots, z_n] = [e^{2\pi i t_1} z_1, \dots, e^{2\pi i t_{n-1}} z_{n-1}, z_n]$$
(4)

are Hamiltonian with respect to the symplectic form $\omega_{FS;n-1}$. Determine the moment polytopes for these actions; draw the moment polytopes in the n=3 case, labeling everything clearly.

(a) If $\tilde{s}: U \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^n - \{0\}$ is another holomorphic section of $q, \tilde{s} = fs$ for some holomorphic map $f: U \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$. Thus,

$$\partial\overline{\partial}\ln|\widetilde{s}|^2 = \partial\overline{\partial}\ln\left(f\overline{f}|s|^2\right) = \partial\overline{\partial}\ln f - \overline{\partial}\partial\ln\overline{f} + \partial\overline{\partial}\ln|s|^2 = \partial 0 - \overline{\partial}0 + \partial\overline{\partial}\ln|s|^2.$$

This shows that the form (1) is independent of the choice of s.

(b) Let $p = q|_{S^{2n-1}} : S^{2n-1} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$. Since the 2-form $\omega_{\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}}$ is symplectic, (2) implies that so is $\omega_{\mathrm{FS};n-1}$. By Problem A(f) on HW1, (2) is equivalent to

$$p^* \omega_{\mathrm{FS};n-1} \big|_{TS^{2n-1}} = \frac{1}{\pi} \omega_{\mathbb{C}^n} \big|_{TS^{2n-1}} \,, \tag{5}$$

where $\omega_{\mathbb{C}^n} \equiv \frac{i}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n dz_j \wedge d\overline{z}_j$ is the standard symplectic form on \mathbb{C}^n . For each $k = 1, \ldots, n$, the map

$$s_k: U_k \equiv \{ [z_1, \dots, z_n] \in \mathbb{C}P^{n-1} : z_k \neq 0 \} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^n - \{0\}, \\ s_k([z_1, \dots, z_n]) = (z_1/z_k, \dots, z_{k-1}/z_k, 1, z_{k+1}/z_k, \dots, z_n/z_k) \}$$

is a holomorphic section of q and

$$\left\{ q|_{q^{-1}(U_k)} \right\}^* \left(\partial \overline{\partial} \ln |s_k|^2 \right) = \partial \overline{\partial} \ln \left| \left\{ q|_{q^{-1}(U_k)} \right\}^* s_k \right|^2 = \left(\partial \overline{\partial} \ln \sum_{j=1}^n |z_j|^2 - \partial \overline{\partial} \ln |z_k|^2 \right) \Big|_{q^{-1}(U_k)}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \partial \frac{z_j \mathrm{d}\overline{z}_j}{|z|^2} \Big|_{q^{-1}(U_k)} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\mathrm{d} z_j \wedge \mathrm{d}\overline{z}_j}{|z|^2} \Big|_{q^{-1}(U_k)} - \frac{\partial |z|^2 \wedge \overline{\partial} |z|^2}{|z|^4} \Big|_{q^{-1}(U_k)};$$

$$(6)$$

the first equality above holds because q is holomorphic. Since $d = \partial + \overline{\partial}$ and the restriction of $d|z|^2$ to TS^{2n-1} vanishes (because $|z|^2 = 1$ on S^{2n-1}),

$$\partial |z|^2 \wedge \overline{\partial} |z|^2 \big|_{TS^{2n-1}} = -\partial |z|^2 \wedge \partial |z|^2 \big|_{TS^{2n-1}} = 0.$$

Combining this with (6), we obtain

$$p^* \omega_{\mathrm{FS};n-1} \big|_{TS^{2n-1}|_{p^{-1}(U_k)}} = \frac{\mathfrak{i}}{2\pi} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathrm{d} z_j \wedge \mathrm{d} \overline{z}_j \big|_{TS^{2n-1}|_{p^{-1}(U_k)}} = \frac{1}{\pi} \omega_{\mathbb{C}^n} \big|_{TS^{2n-1}|_{p^{-1}(U_k)}}$$

Since the open subsets $U_k \subset \mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ cover $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$, this gives (5).

(c) Let $z_j = x_j + iy_j$, as usual. Thus,

$$\omega_{\mathbb{C}^n} = \sum_{j=1}^n \mathrm{d}x_j \wedge \mathrm{d}y_j, \quad \widetilde{\zeta}_k \equiv \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \mathrm{e}^{2\pi \mathrm{i}t} \cdot (z_1, \dots, z_n) \bigg|_{t=0} = 2\pi \bigg(-y_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} + x_k \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} \bigg), \quad -\iota_{\widetilde{\zeta}_k} \omega_{\mathbb{C}^n} = \pi \mathrm{d}|z_k|^2.$$

Thus, \widetilde{H}_k is a Hamiltonian for the S^1 -action on $(\mathbb{C}^n, \omega_{\mathbb{C}^n})$ given by (3).

(d) The first action in (4) is Hamiltonian if and only if its restriction to each component $S^1 \subset \mathbb{T}^n$ is Hamiltonian. For k = 1, ..., n, define

$$H_k \colon \mathbb{C}P^{n-1} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}, \qquad H_k\big([z_1, \dots, z_n]\big) = \frac{\pi |z_k|^2}{|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_k|^2},$$
$$\zeta_k \equiv \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \underbrace{(1, \dots, 1, e^{2\pi \mathrm{i}t}, 1, \dots, 1) \cdot [z_1, \dots, z_n]}_{k=0} \in \Gamma\big(\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}; T(\mathbb{C}P^{n-1})\big).$$

The S^1 -action (3) restricts to an action on $S^{2n-1} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ and the projection $p: S^{2n-1} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$ is S^1 -equivariant with respect to the restriction of the first action in (4) to the k-th component $S^1 \subset \mathbb{T}^n$. Thus,

$$\zeta_k(p(z)) = \mathrm{d}_z p(\widetilde{\zeta}_k(z)) \in T_{p(z)}(\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}) \qquad \forall \ z \in S^{2n-1}$$

Along with (b), (c), and $\widetilde{H}_k|_{S^{2n-1}} = H_k \circ p$, this gives

$$p^*(\iota_{\zeta_k}\omega_{\mathrm{FS};n-1}) = \iota_{\widetilde{\zeta}_k}(p^*\omega_{\mathrm{FS};n-1}) = \frac{1}{\pi}\iota_{\widetilde{\zeta}_k}(\omega_{\mathbb{C}^n}|_{TS^{2n-1}}) = -\frac{1}{\pi}\mathrm{d}\widetilde{H}_k|_{TS^{2n-1}} = -\frac{1}{\pi}p^*\mathrm{d}H_k.$$

Since q^* is injective, it follows that $-\iota_{\zeta_k}\omega_{\mathrm{FS};n-1} = (1/\pi)\mathrm{d}H_k$, i.e. $(1/\pi)H_k$ is the Hamiltonian for the restriction of the first action in (4) to the k-th component $S^1 \subset \mathbb{T}^n$. Thus,

$$H_{\mathrm{FS};n-1} \equiv \frac{1}{\pi} (H_1, \dots, H_k) : \mathbb{C}P^{n-1} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^k, \quad H_{\mathrm{FS};n-1} ([z_1, \dots, z_n]) = \frac{(|z_1|^2, \dots, |z_n|^2)}{|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2}$$

is a Hamiltonian for the first action in (4) with respect to $\omega_{\mathrm{FS};n-1}$. The moment polytope $H_{\mathrm{FS};n-1}(\mathbb{C}P^{n-1})$ is then the (n-1)-simplex in \mathbb{R}^k with the vertices at $(1,0,\ldots,0)$, $(0,1,\ldots,0)$, etc.; see the first picture below for the n=3 case. Since the second action in (4) is the restriction of the first to the subtorus $\mathbb{T}^{n-1} \times \{1\} \subset \mathbb{T}^n$, the composition of $H_{\mathrm{FS};n-1}$ with the projection to the first (n-1) components,

$$\pi_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} \circ H_{\mathrm{FS};n-1} \colon \mathbb{C}P^{n-1} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{k-1}, \quad \pi_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} \circ H_{\mathrm{FS};n-1}([z_1, \dots, z_n]) = \frac{(|z_1|^2, \dots, |z_{n-1}|^2)}{|z_1|^2 + \dots + |z_n|^2},$$

is a Hamiltonian for the second action in (4) with respect to $\omega_{\text{FS};n-1}$. The moment polytope $\pi_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}}(H_{\text{FS};n-1}(\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}))$ is then the standard (n-1)-simplex in \mathbb{R}^{k-1} , i.e. the simplex with the vertices at the origin and $(1, 0, \ldots, 0)$, $(0, 1, \ldots, 0)$, etc.; see the second picture below for the n=3 case.

